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therefore respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections of claims 1-33 and allow all pending claims presented herein for reconsideration. Favorable action with an early allowance of the claims pending in this application is earnestly solicited.

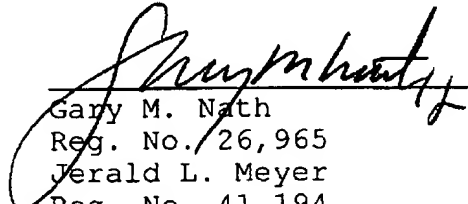
The Examiner is welcomed to telephone the undersigned attorney if he has any questions or comments.

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ATTACHMENT A - MARKED UP COPY OF CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Please amend claims 1, 9-12 and 23-26 as follows:

1. (Amended) A rapid-melt, semi-solid molded composition comprising:

a) at least one binder in an amount from about 0.01% to about 70% by weight;

b) a salivating agent in an amount from about 0.05% to about 15% by weight;

c) a diluent/bulking material in an amount from about 10% to about 90% by weight; and

d) an active material in an amount from about 0.001% to about 70% by weight;

wherein the composition is prepared in the absence of [free] added water.

9. The rapid-melt, semi-solid composition of claim 1 wherein said active material is a [prophylactic or] therapeutic active material.

10. The rapid-melt, semi-solid composition of claim 9 wherein said [prophylactic or] therapeutic active material is selected from the group consisting of antihistamines, decongestants, alkaloids,

laxatives, antacids, anti-cholesterolemics, antiarrhythmics, analgesics, appetite suppressants, expectorants, anti-anxiety agents, anti-ulcer agents, anti-inflammatory substances, stimulants, gastrointestinal agents, sedatives, migraine treatments, antibiotics, tranquilizers, antiobesity drugs, anabolic drugs, cough suppressants, aspirin, acetaminophen, ibuprofen and mixtures thereof.

11. The rapid-melt, semi-solid composition of claim 10 wherein said [prophylactic or] therapeutic active material is ibuprofen.

12. The rapid-melt, semi-solid composition of claim 10 wherein said [prophylactic or] therapeutic active material is acetaminophen.

23. The method of claim 15 wherein said active material is a [prophylactic or] therapeutic active material.

24. The method of claim 23 wherein said [prophylactic or] therapeutic active material is selected from the group consisting of antihistamines, decongestants, alkaloids, laxatives, antacids, anti-cholesterolemics, antiarrhythmics, analgesics, appetite suppressants, expectorants, anti-anxiety agents, anti-ulcer agents, anti-inflammatory substances, stimulants, gastrointestinal agents, sedatives, migraine treatments, antibiotics, tranquilizers,

antiobesity drugs, anabolic drugs, cough suppressants, aspirin, acetaminophen, ibuprofen and mixtures thereof.

25. The method of claim 24 wherein said [prophylactic or] therapeutic active material is ibuprofen.

26. The method of claim 24 wherein said [prophylactic or] therapeutic active material is acetaminophen.